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## D-M gets into Halloween spirit

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan Airmen and families are invited to get into Halloween spirits during two separate events beginning Oct. 28.

In support of the Underage Drinking Task Force, the 355th Mission Support Group will operate a Haunted House Oct. 28 through 30 and the 355th Medical Group will host a Wing Halloween Bowling Tournament Oct. 28.

"Before the kickoff of the bowling tournament, each dorm is going to be judged for the best decorative common room at 9 p.m.," said Capt. Jennifer Jenkins, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron and coordinator for the bowling tournament. "A prize will go to the (best) dorm for their efforts."

"After the judging takes place, then the bowling tournament will kick off at 10 p.m. at the bowling center," Captain Jenkins said.

"Prizes will go to best costume and four trophies will go to the team that scores the highest (four to a team). (Entrance for) all D-M Airmen under the age of 21 are free. Pizza and drinks will be provided for them," Captain Jenkins said.

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## Taking a flying leap

John Ensey, 14 years, of the Tang Soo Do team from Tucson kicks a board during the DM50 Picnic Saturday as Master James Pumarejo holds the board. This demonstration was one of many during the picnic. For more information on the picnic, see **Civic leader group offers free food, fun to thank D-M Airmen, families for service, Page 15** and **Airmen get competitive at DM 50 Picnic, Page 19**.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

## Putting people first ...

### D-M command helps focus resources for most important Air Force assets

By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Someone, somewhere is thinking about it.

Hopefully, somewhere, someone else is noticing that a person is different and is taking the steps to get the person the help they need to stop them from taking their lives.

With more than 1,000 Airmen

from D-M deployed, shops at all-time lows, exercises, inspections and every Airman's life outside of the job, stress and feeling overwhelmed can be common things anyone can experience.

"We should all realize that anyone can experience relationship, legal, financial, work or health problems that at times can seem overwhelming," Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing

commander wrote in a Sept. 25 Thunderbolt titled "Suicide Awareness."

The Air Force and Davis-Monthan have multiple safeguards to help Airmen get through these stressful times without turning to suicide. The Air Force's "Wingman" program offers the number one resource for suicide prevention: other Airmen. The Air Force has developed an easily understandable program to intervene when one

believes someone is at risk for suicide. The goal of LINK is to improve the ability of all Airmen to identify someone at risk and know how to act.

"The only factor that may make the difference between an Airman living to see another day could be you," said Lt. Col. Katherine Rearden, 355th Wing Integrated Delivery System chair.

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### The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of hours as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	50.7	46.6	1,590.0	162nd OSB	77.3	212.3	2,135.0
43rd ECS	47.3	59.6	1,398.0	354th FS	94.5	120.0	8,942.0
55th RQS	267.0	60.2	2,880.0	357th FS	386.0	452.8	8,998.0
79th RQS	165.0	61.1	1,845.0	358th FS	390.0	369.3	9,134.0

### Tailgate party

Airmen from D-M are invited to join the University of Arizona tailgate party starting at 1 p.m. and watch as they play football against the University of California Los Angeles Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. The U of A is offering a "D-M Day" special with \$10 tickets. For more information, call 228-3700.





Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

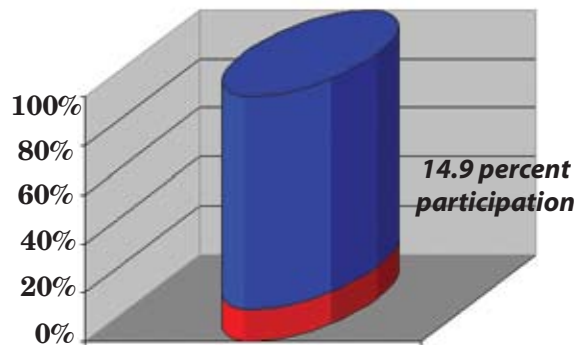
Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, (at bat) winds up to hit the ball while Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley, 355th Wing command chief concentrates on catching the ball. The annual Chiefs vs. Eagles softball game was played at the DM 50 Picnic Saturday.

Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Family Support.....	228-5690	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584

Contribution update

The goal for the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign is for 2,972 people to participate. As of Monday, 443 participants' forms have been turned in.



Ready to deploy ...

Davis-Monthan: 355th Wing:  
980 680  
(Approximate numbers as of Tuesday.)

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Auto paint booth

**Concern:** My question is that the Auto Skills Center has a booth to paint a car, but they don't have anywhere for anyone to prepare their car to be painted.

In my base housing rule book it says we are not allowed to do any kind of work on a vehicle in housing, so why isn't there anywhere to prep a car to use the paint booth at the auto skills center?

**Response:** Thank you for your comments concerning the Auto Skills Center. Currently, one of the stalls is being used as a welding room and the other as storage.

At this time, we are limited on other storage space for supplies, tools and equipment used by customers.

We realize the need to provide a much-needed work space, so a work order has been submitted to build a new storage building next to Building 4534.

This would free up one stall for use by hobbyists for vehicle-preparation work before painting. We realize that it is an inconvenience for our customers at this time and expect to have resolution

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is

within three to six months.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Larry Trueax, Auto Skills Center manager, at 228-3614.

Self-checkout machines

**Concern:** Two of the self-checkout machines in the Commissary have been down.

One of the machines was dispensing money incorrectly so it was shut down.

The other machine was scheduled to shut down 30 minutes before closing.

That doesn't make any sense. The lines were very long and that machine could have helped customers. Why do the self-checking machines only accept cash?

**Response:** Thank you for your question. The machines were shut down because of equipment failure. The Commissary has recently replaced the parts of the self-checkouts that would not allow the machine to take credit and debit cards.

To help prevent the inconvenience to you in the future, the Commissary has ordered extra parts should this problem occur again. Thank you for your concerns.

228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: [355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil). Callers must leave their name, contact information and their question or concern. Callers will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the **Desert Airman**. Anonymous calls may not be published.

Desert Lightning Team Mission Spotlight



The 355th Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office provides legal counsel to commanders on all matters affecting the

installation and the mission, including: military justice, administrative actions, ethics, operations law, environmental law, claims, contracts, civil law and labor law.

In addition, the legal office provides legal assistance to active-duty members and their dependents and the sizable military retiree population in the Tucson area.

Available assistance includes wills preparation, powers of attorney, notary services and advice on leases, contracts, marriage dissolution and other civil legal problems of a personal nature.

Legal assistance is available on a priority basis to deploying members and their families.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Staff Sgt. Sherrie Eden, 355th Judge Advocate office, and Col. Scott Hines, 355th Inspector General, work through paperwork to process a claim.

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Courtesy photo

Lt. Gen. Mark Schmidt, 12th Air Force commander, (center) along with 12th Air Force group commanders, 355th Mission Support Group commander and representatives assigned to the 355th Civil Engineering Squadron and 355th Contracting Squadron prepare for the groundbreaking of the new Falconer Combined Air Operations Center being built at Davis-Monthan. It will be the only "continuously operational" CAOC in the continental United States and one of only five Falconer CAOC weapon systems used to support combatant commanders worldwide. The new CAOC is scheduled to be completed in July 2006.

## One of Air Force's latest weapon systems coming to Davis-Monthan

By 12th Air Force Public Affairs

Sledgehammers were swinging Monday morning when Lt. Gen. Mark Schmidt, 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces commander, and 355th Wing personnel, put the first holes into an old ground-launched cruise-missile facility that will be renovated and transformed into a Combined Air Operations Center weapons system during "groundbreaking" ceremonies here.

The new Falconer CAOC being built at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base will be the only "continuously operational" CAOC in the continental United States and one of only five Falconer CAOC weapon systems used to support combatant commanders worldwide. The new CAOC will serve as the command and control hub for U.S. South Air Force, (to be renamed Air Force South), which serves as the air and space component to U.S. Southern Command, responsible for U.S. military operations in the Caribbean, Central and South America.

The mission of the CAOC is to develop the strategy, plans and processes to successfully employ air, space and information operations forces to achieve desired effects in support of Joint Forces Commander theater-wide objectives.

The CAOC is part of the former Chief of Staff of the Air Force's vision of Warfighting Headquarters to provide focused and dedicated support to the various combatant commanders from east to west. As a major component of this new WFHQs concept, the CAOC "crewmemebers" team with Air Force forces and commander's personal staffs to meet the desired objectives.

During the building period, command and control of air and space forces in the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility will continue from the inter-

im CAOC. Upon completion of the Falconer CAOC, which is scheduled for July 2006, the CAOC team will be linked to the other four Falconers around the globe. Within this constellation of command and control centers, any one of the Falconer CAOCs can assume the duties and responsibilities should something occur to interfere with the daily operations of any other Falconer CAOC.

"The capabilities offered by these state-of-the-art facilities are limitless. Already, even before the completion of the current D-M-based CAOC, emerging technologies and additional missions are being eyed. Truly, these five Falconer CAOCs will provide the Air Force; it's supported combatant commands and the U.S. itself, with an amazing array of command and control capabilities," said Col. Tim Vigil, 12th Air Force special assistant for WFHQs transformation.

The new CAOC will provide more than 36,000 square feet of space for real-world operations, training missions and battle simulations with maximum flexibility to accommodate new weapons and capabilities as they are being fielded, said Jerry Sorensen, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron CAOC construction project officer.

The CAOC is made up of five divisions: strategy, combat plans, combat operations, air mobility and the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance.

The \$11.35 million construction project was awarded locally with all project and construction management to be performed by the 355th Civil Engineering Squadron.

"Of particular note was how lessons learned from other Falconer projects were used to find innovative ways to bring our CAOC in at a lower cost. This allowed the entire project to move ahead

## News Notes

### Power outage

A power outage is scheduled today. The affected facilities include Buildings 139 and 145, Site 5 and the Firing Range area. The outage will begin at 6 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron service call at 228-3171.

### Personnel Transformation Briefings

Quarterly base-wide Personnel Transformation Briefings are scheduled for Oct. 25 and 27 at the Base Theater. These one-hour sessions are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. These briefings will give Airmen an idea of where the transformation currently is, what changes are expected in the future and what Air Force personnel can do right now to ease into the new process.

### 355th MDOS Appointments Oct. 28

The 355th Medical Operations Squadron will have appointments open until noon Oct. 28. There will be morning and afternoon sick call for active-duty personnel. The Medical Operations Squadron will close following afternoon sick call for Commander's Call.

### Trick-or-treat hours

Trick-or-treat hours at D-M Oct. 31 are from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Finance closure today

The 355th Comptroller Squadron will close at noon today due to a squadron function.

### Motorcycle briefing Oct. 31

A Motorcycle Riders' Brief is scheduled for Oct. 31 at the Base Theater starting at 9 a.m. This brief is mandatory for all day-shift motorcyclists and highly encouraged for all those considering purchasing a motorcycle. For more information, contact the Davis-Monthan Lightning Riders at [DMMoto@dm.af.mil](mailto:DMMoto@dm.af.mil).

### Multimedia Center changes hours

The front desk at the Base Multimedia Center has modified their hours as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:45 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m. Studios by appointment only: Monday thru Wednesday: 8:45 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m.

### Terrorism history

**October 25, 1983**, with the breakdown of law and order following the arrest and subsequent murder of prime minister Maurice Bishop, Grenada's governor general and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States asked the U.S. for assistance. The U.S. sent a military force to the island to restore order and evacuate endangered American citizens.



# UDTF

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Although the purpose of the event is to get Airmen in the dorms out to mingle in an alcohol-free environment, individuals more than 21 years are also welcome.

"This is a great time to have fun with your fellow Airmen across the installation where no uniforms are worn," Captain Jenkins said. "(This is) just a friendly environment with camaraderie among Airmen that shows teamwork in a tournament. We encourage all Airmen to wear a Halloween costume, but it is not mandatory. So please come and show your Desert Lightening Spirit."

In addition to the bowling tournament, Airmen and families across the installation will have the opportunity to go through a haunted house on-base.

Just off Mustang Drive, located in 6227 and 6231 Sabre Cir. in base housing, the Davis-Monthan community will be able to enjoy the Haunted House from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost for the haunted house for children less than 12 years is \$1 and \$2 for adults. The money earned will help to fund future UDTF events.

From 6 to 7 p.m., the haunted house will be less scary for the younger au-

diences, said Capt. Carolyn Ammons, 355th Mission Support Squadron point of contact for the haunted house.

Each 355th Mission Support Group squadron is decorating a room, additionally the 355th Maintenance Group, 355th Medical Group and 355th Operations Group will take one room or area, Captain Ammons said.

## For more information or to volunteer ...

For more information on the Haunted House or to volunteer to help setup, participate or tear-down, contact Capt. Carolyn Ammons, 355th Mission Support, at 228-5662.

For more information on the Wing Halloween Bowling Tournament or to sign-up, contact on of the following point of contacts for the tournament: Capt. Jennifer Jenkins at 228-2577; Senior Master Sgt. Brian Medaugh, at 228-2643; Master Sgt. Terry Hennings 228-2711; and Tech. Sgt. Mark Dee at 228-2680.



Photo by 1st Lt. Lucien Fuertes

## The end ...

Airman 1st Class Brian Williams, 25th Operational Weather Squadron, reads to children at the Dorothy Finley Child Development Center Oct. 5 as part of the reading program for the Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations concluded with the Latin Fiesta Oct. 14 at The Mirage Officers' Club.

# Suicide

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"Regardless of whether you are a friend, co-worker, supervisor or loved one to that someone thinking about suicide, every one of us needs to be familiar with the signs and symptoms of suicide and know how to act when this danger becomes evident," Colonel Rearden said.

The first step of LINK is to Look for possible concerns. To recognize these concerns Airmen must truly know those whom they work and live with. It requires the kind of relationship that is built on genuine care for one another.

"Airmen who know one another well are in the best position to act when problems arise," Colonel Spencer wrote in the Thunderbolt.

Some changes that can be noticed by others include:

- ◆ Doing things on an impulse that aren't normal;
- ◆ Displaying angry feelings towards people or objects;
- ◆ Talking about feeling hopeless, sad or constant guilt;
- ◆ Change of personal appearance/lack of interest;
- ◆ Significant and sudden weight loss or weight gain;
- ◆ Alcohol or drug abuse.

The second step to LINK is Inquiring about concerns. "Building a relationship with another person before problems begin increases the chance that a person will talk openly when there is trouble," said Colonel Rearden. Noting is the third step in LINK, which is understanding what the person is saying

## To get help ...

Individuals who are seeking help or know someone they think may need help, should contact one of the following agencies:

- ◆ Chaplain at 228-5411
- ◆ Family Advocacy at 228-2104
- ◆ Health and Wellness Center at 228-2294
- ◆ Family Support Center at 228-5690
- ◆ Command Post at 228-7400
- ◆ Individuals can also contact their unit's commander or first sergeant for help.

and recognizing that this is serious.

"Trust your instincts and act NOW to alter the self-destructive path an Airman may take," Colonel Spencer wrote in the Thunderbolt.

The instincts of seeing these changes come from knowing each other and recognizing the change in behavior.

"Sometimes people are afraid to take action in military settings because they may be wrong and don't want to get others in trouble. When it comes to the topic of suicide, I've never met anyone who got upset because someone was truly concerned about their well being," said Colonel Rearden.

The last step, Knowing referral references and strategies, will combine the information learned in the first three steps to getting the help the individual needs.

The Air Force has many agencies and professionals that provide help such as the chaplains, child development center, family advocacy, family support center, medical care, life skills and the Health and

Wellness Center. The unique missions and combination of these service agencies and the support they provide for Airmen produce the Integrated Delivery System.

"The IDS agencies work together to improve delivery of prevention programs by establishing a seamless system of service delivery. The IDS goal is to enhance the quality of life for all who live and work in our community," said Colonel Rearden.

Knowledge can be key in helping. Amongst all of the resources to help prevent suicide, Capt. Lara Huffman, 355th Medical Operations Squadron Base suicide prevention officer, ensures all who work at D-M, including Department of Defense civilians, receive the best suicide-prevention training. The Air Force requires every Airman and DoD civilian to receive training every 15 months, whether through unit-specific training, or during mass briefs at the base theater. The next mass briefs are Nov. 17 at 7 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Another way of building knowledge is through the Applied Suicide Intervention Training offered through the chapel. ASIST is a two-day program in which participants learn more about the signs of suicide and how to get someone who has suicidal thoughts to medical help. The next training is Nov. 16 and 17. Anyone interested in participating can register by calling the chapel at 228-5411.

According to the U.S. Air Force Suicide Prevention Program, two-thirds of those who had committed a suicide had not sought care with the healthcare system. So Airmen can best assist someone in trouble by getting the person the help they need. The Wingman culture is the Air Force's best defense against senseless loss of Airmen's lives.

# Inspection time for D-M health services Wed. through Fri.

By Ariane Ash

Air Force Inspection Agency Public Affairs

## KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M.

— When a team from the Air Force Inspection Agency arrives at the front door of a medical treat-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Staff Sgt. Nicole Amador, 355th Medical Operations Squadron, draws up lidocaine for a procedure. Lidocaine is a local anesthetic used for minor procedures.

ment facility, they have one goal: turning excellent healthcare into outstanding health care.

The AFIA will inspect Davis-Monthan's medical facilities Wednesday through Friday.

AFIA is the only Air Force unit that conducts health services inspections on all Air Force medical facilities — active duty, Guard and Reserve.

HSIs provide Air Force medical leaders with independent assessments of programs implemented across the Air Force.

"The HSIs conducted by AFIA's inspection teams ensure the health care provided to Airmen and their families is top notch," said Lt. Gen. Steven Polk, Air Force Inspector General. "HSIs have had a huge impact on Air Force health care, providing superb guidance to help units provide their patients better services."

AFIA's teams are responsible for the inspection of 256 MTFs worldwide. The agency inspects MTFs for all major commands to ensure a standard interpretation of inspection criteria across the Air Force.

AFIA ensures all active-duty units are inspected every one to four years, averaging 34 months between inspections. Air Reserve Components are inspected every four to five years.

"We want our inspections to ensure that active-duty units focus on sustained performance," said Col. Thomas Berardinelli, AFIA commander, "which is why we conduct inspections with no more than 30 days' notice."

Previously a major command unit compliance inspection responsibility, Aeromedical evacuation squadrons have recently been re-integrated into AFIA's inspection mission. Since 2003, the agency has inspected 12 squadrons, providing feedback on compliance with Air Force, major command, wing and unit instructions and policy regarding support services and management of resources for clinical operations.

AFIA's Medical Operations Directorate developed and constantly improves a process that focuses on compliance with clinical operations, competence and training.

The HSI process consists of nine functional areas ranging from medical readiness training to dentistry. Experts in each area interview the functional-area points of contact. The functional experts then review the documentation gathered from the unit. Based on the assessments, a score is assigned.

"The 355th Medical Group constantly strives to improve the delivery of health care," said Col. Scott VanValkenburg, 355th MDG commander. "We are looking forward to the inspection as it will make us an even better medical group."

Inspection teams are assembled from a pool of 33 inspectors — 21 active-duty and 12 active reservists. In addition, the agency dedicates one inspector to radioactive materials at MTFs and other facilities.



# CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled for the period of Oct. 1 through 13.

**Driving under the influence: civilian**

Installation security personnel notified the Security Forces Control Center they had engaged the barrier system to stop an unauthorized vehicle from entering the installation. The subject had attempted to enter the base, refused to provide credentials and proceeded onto the installation. Tucson Police Department and security forces conducted field sobriety test on the subject, which he failed. A breath analysis was conducted with a result of a blood-alcohol content of .237. Tucson Police arrested the subject for extreme DUI and trespassing.

**Driving under the influence: military**

A security forces patrol stopped a vehicle for failure to stop at a posted stop sign. During the traffic stop, the patrolman identified the subject as an airman first class assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and observed the airman had slurred speech. Security forces initiated field sobriety tests on the subject, which he failed. The airman refused to submit to a breath test and was transported to the hospital for a blood sample. The airman was issued a suspension of driving privileges letter and his DD Form 2220/Base Decal was removed.

**High risk traffic stop/fleeing and eluding:**

A security forces patrol observed a vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign. Attempts to stop the vehicle via response lights and sirens failed. The driver increased their speed in an apparent attempt to elude security forces. They successfully stopped the subject by establishing a vehicle block. The subject, a dependent spouse of an Army corporal, was detained for reckless driving, failure to stop, and fleeing/eluding police.

**Patrol response: assault**

A security forces patrol notified the SFCC he observed a group of personnel attempting to restrain an individual adjacent to Building 4224. The security forces patrol challenged the personnel and they fled the scene. They located one of the subjects. Investigation revealed the detained individual had attempted to assault an airman first class assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron for causing him to fall out of a chair. All subjects were later identified and their respective units were notified of the incident.

**Patrol response: domestic violence**

A spouse of a technical sergeant telephoned the SFCC to report loud arguing at her neighbor's residence. Security forces investigation revealed a staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron and his spouse were in-

volved in a verbal argument, which escalated to the sergeant damaging the residence. The TPD arrested the sergeant for domestic violence, disorderly conduct and criminal damage.

**Patrol response: informational entry**

A spouse of a senior airman assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron telephoned the SFCC and requested police response for assistance. Investigation revealed the spouse and her husband/sponsor had a verbal altercation at an off-base establishment, which led to a no-contact order. Further investigation revealed the airman had attempted to enter the residence to remove personal items, which were discovered to be stolen government property and an unregistered firearm. Security forces detained the airman for theft and Tucson police issued a case number for the firearm.

**Tickets issued:**

(Oct. 1 through 13)

- ◆ Speeding: 35
- ◆ Failure to stop: 22
- ◆ Failure to provide proof of insurance: 3
- ◆ Expired registration: 3



**BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan** — Tech. Sgt. Khristian Kirchhofer, A-10 Armament Specialist, inspects the 30 mm gun during a recent phase inspection. A-10s are required to go through the massive inspection every 400 flying hours. Sergeant Kirchhofer is currently deployed from Davis-Monthan.



# A-10 phase doc keeps OEF frequent flyers flying

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald  
455th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

**BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan** — A-10 “Warthogs” here flew 500 sorties last month over the skies of Afghanistan in support of the Operation Enduring Freedom; direct close-air support missions accounted for 380 of those sorties.

Whether supporting ground troops in the war or conducting a training mission at their home station, A-10s know where to park after collecting a set number of frequent-flyer miles.

Once an aircraft reaches 400 flying hours, phase doc maintainers deployed here from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., conduct a full inspection to ensure it’s ready for the fight.

“We start by depaneling the aircraft and inspecting vital components such as the engine, landing gear and flight controls,” said Master Sgt. Michael Walker, A-10 phase flight chief. “From there, we repair or replace any worn or unusable parts to ensure they continue flying.”

Support from A-10 back shops proves vital to accomplishing phased maintenance on the A-10, the sergeant explained.

“From electricians and survival equipment specialists to sheet metal and armament technicians, we always



Photos by Capt. James H. Cunningham

**BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan** — Airman 1st Class John Kern, phase inspection technician, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, connects a safety wire to a component of the emergency landing-gear system during a recent phase inspection here. A-10s are required to go through the inspection every 400 flying hours. Airman Kern is currently deployed here from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

come together as a team to get the job done,” Sergeant Walker said. “It takes a lot of teamwork from everyone involved in phase maintenance to keep this Warthog in the fight.”

Lt. Col. Francis McDonough, 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron director of operations for the “Bulldogs”, gave the phase doc professionals high accolades.

“Since their arrival to Bagram, the team has really been working hard to get our A-10s back into the fight,” said the colonel, a native of Orono, Maine. “Without them here, we would have to fly the airplanes to an interim location like Spangdahlem [Air Base, Germany] to perform our phase inspections, which would greatly reduce our combat capability.”

Airman 1st Class John Kern, A-10 phase inspection technician, said he enjoys his job of supporting the war fighters.

“I could not have asked for a better time than this to get my hands dirty and support the troops on the ground,” said Airman Kerr, a native of Phoenix, Ariz.

Senior Airman Emmanuel Gamboa, A-10 armament systems specialist, said he’s glad to be here during a time when national elections are bringing the people of Afghanistan one step closer to democracy.

“It’s great that we’re out here doing something for the world around us,” said Airman Gamboa, a native of Pacoima, Calif. “Our impact here will affect America and the rest of the world for ages to come.”

The impact of the phase doc’s dirty work is helping blanket Afghanistan with airpower support during the country’s National Assembly election process. Officials will announce the winners Saturday.



# Force shaping board to meet in 2006 to determine how many officers need to go, stay for future Air Force needs

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A force shaping board will convene in 2006 and continue to meet annually to properly shape the officer corps to meet emerging Air Force needs.

Instituted by the Air Force, the board will be a regular aspect of force management and development in the future.

Authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force, the board convenes at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in April.

Force shaping efforts started in 2004 and evolved in an effort to meet congressionally mandated fiscal year end strength requirements and maintain a balanced force.

“The force shaping board is another aspect of our force management and development,” said Brig. Gen. Glenn F. Spears, Air Force director of force management policy. “We must have a balanced force of officers and enlisted Airmen to meet the missions of today and tomorrow.”

The Air Force began fiscal year 2006 with a force imbalance. It was under strength by ap-

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— Brig. Gen. Glenn F. Spears,  
Air Force director of force management policy

proximately 6,000 enlisted and over strength by approximately 3,000 officers.

A current excess of nearly 4,000 officers — primarily from the 2000 to 2004 commissioning years — make worse the imbalance and has a long-range impact on the effective development of the officer corps and the ability to access sustainable numbers of enlisted Airmen. Despite an aggressive voluntary force shaping campaign, the Air Force has not achieved the balance of officer to enlisted Airmen through existing voluntary means.

Congress recently gave each service secretary

increased authority to proactively manage their junior officer corps through force shaping efforts.

“The Air Force values the service and sacrifice of all Airmen who volunteer to serve, and separating officers is a difficult decision that we do not take lightly,” General Spears said. “This first force shaping process will ‘select-in’ approximately 7,800 line officers commissioned in 2002 and 2003 to continue to serve in our active Air Force.”

Eligible officers may continue to apply for voluntary separation until March 1, 2006 using the force shaping initiatives already approved.

Subsequent boards will consider officers commissioned three years earlier. For example, the 2007 board will evaluate officers commissioned in 2004.

“We value the service of all our Airmen,” General Spears said. “Voluntary force shaping initiatives, and the force shaping board, are key aspects of our force management and development.”

“Our Airmen have many opportunities to serve — in the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard, as Air Force civilians or in the Army,” the general said. “We encourage Airmen in the affected year groups to pursue those opportunities to continue service to our great nation.”

# Airmen's extended families, taking care of them

By Maj. Michael Shea

755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

When everyone at Davis-Monthan was getting geared up for the Air and Space Expeditionary Force seven/eight rotation, it made me sit back and think about what really makes a successful deployment.

It is more than just making sure everyone has all the training boxes checked, aircraft ready, equipment packed up or the paperwork filled out; it is making sure our families are ready as well, both of them.

I look at it like I have two families; my squadron has a mission we have been doing for the last 17 months straight and my wife and children at home.

Our families outside of work may vary, from Mom and Dad to girl/boyfriend to a house full of pets or children, but we all have the same basic work family — the squadron. Our squadrons we belong to become second families to most of us.

These become our families away from the home. Unlike the civilian side of life, we can't really divorce ourselves from our work when our day is done. Sure, we go home and our concentration and focus is on our family outside of the military.

There is nothing more important to me than my wife and children when I head home at night.

The pride I have in my family outside of work is a lot like the pride in the squadron I belong to; I want the best for it and will do everything in my power to provide all the opportunities in the world to them.

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In a family, hopefully you care for each other. That includes getting involved in each other's lives and intervening when that person whom you care about is going off in a wrong direction. Your name and that involvement with each other at home create a bond that is unique to you.

Your squadron also becomes like a second family, and should be treated much the same way if you want it to be successful. Get involved with the unit and each other. Like a family name, the squadron can provide a sense of identity and camaraderie.

I believe that is the nature of the people we have in today's Air Force. The better you un-

derstand each other as peers and the better that we as leaders understand what makes the Airmen tick, the better unit you can help create and sustain.

This is important with the operations tempo that we are faced with in today's Air Force. Whether you are part of a high-demand, low-density unit that faces steady deployments or are part of an AEF rotation, the stresses of deployments can be the same.

That is why we must work extra hard to make sure we extend ourselves to take care of the families that make up the unit, not just the unit itself. To get the most out of members who have to deploy for any extended amount of time, they need the peace of mind that their family back home is being taken care of.

This can be easy to forget, whether you are in a unit on constant rotation and the deployments become routine, or if you are in a unit that is going out in mass for the first time on an AEF rotation; we get so caught up in getting ready for the deployment, and then actually deploying, that we can neglect the family at home.

But we in the military form such a bond that we trust each other to take care of our families outside of work. This is important to building a successful squadron operating at peak performance.

If we have the peace of mind that we can count on our squadron-mates to help take care of our family while we are gone, then we can better concentrate on the job, whether it is at the home base or some remote deployed location.

We all bear responsibility for the family, be it inside or outside the gates.



Final Answer

What was your favorite part of the DM 50 picnic?



**Dalton Felish**  
*Son of Darren Felish,  
355th Civil Engineer  
Squadron*  
“I liked the big slide.”



**Yvette De la Rosa**  
*Child Development  
Center*  
“I really liked all the  
free food!”



**Daniel Matias**  
*Son of Master Sgt. An-  
thony Matias,  
355th Logistics Readiness  
Squadron*  
“I liked the games and  
the basketball.”



**Airman 1st Class  
Guy Shelton**  
*355th Component Main-  
tenance Squadron*  
“I liked the food ...  
because it was free.”



**Nya Hargis**  
*Daughter of Yadira Hargis,  
355th Services Squadron*  
“My favorite was the  
jumping castle.”



**1st Lt.  
TJ Brawner**  
*41st Electronic Combat  
Squadron*  
“I thought the prizes  
were great.”

# Bagram Airman of the month

Senior Airman Earlay Haag, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, is deployed from the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at D-M.

He was selected as the Airman of the month and the following information ran in the Oct. 7 issue of the Bagram Bullet.

## Home town

Los Lunas, N.M.

## How do you feel about making history here in Afghanistan as part of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism?

During history class in high school, I remember reading about things like this and looking at the pictures and wondering what it would be like.

You can read about it all you want but it's nothing until you live it.

## What have you enjoyed most about your time here?

Getting to talk to my wife.

## What advice would you give

**to your fellow Airmen for a successful Air Force career?** Take the initiative and live with integrity; the rest will follow. Also, don't forget to have a plan. **Is there anything else you'd like to add?**

Smiling and having a good attitude payoff.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

# Volunteer opportunities

## Heartlink needs babysitters

Heartlink, the orientation for new Air Force spouses, has children who need care during the quarterly program Nov. 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The number of children is expected to increase as registrations for the program are still being taken. Several volunteers are needed to work two- to three- hour shifts and two volunteers are needed at all times.

To volunteer, contact Tanya Hawks at the Family Support Center at 228-5690.

## El Tour de Tucson

Help behind the scenes at El Tour de Tucson, one of Tucson's most community-involved events. Volunteers to help with office filing, envelope stuffing, data entry and other tasks are being sought. Call 745-2033 and ask for Barbara Scott or e-mail [info@perimeterbicycling.com](mailto:info@perimeterbicycling.com) for for information.

## Nam Jam 2005

Nam Jam is an annual local concert held for the purpose of

recognizing and celebrating veterans and their families. Volunteers are needed for a number of details beginning at 8 a.m. Oct. 29 through 8 p.m. Oct. 30 at Reid Park. For more information, contact Jeff Halstead at 228-4690.

## Meals on Wheels

Mobile Meals of Tucson is a, non-profit organization that has been delivering special diet meals to the homebound for 34 years. They are looking for volunteers who can help fulfill their mission. The D-M community has volunteered to deliver meals every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Routes start at 11 a.m. and lasts about an hour. The current need is for drivers. To volunteer, send an e-mail to [nikesh.perryman@dm.af.mil](mailto:nikesh.perryman@dm.af.mil).

The group is also in need of volunteers three or more hours a week for one day a week for office support, interviewing potential clients. For more information, or to volunteer for this position, call 622-1600.





## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the **Desert Airman** that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Airman 1st Class Zachary Rule of the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron. Airman Rule maintains and repairs the Pave Penny weapons and guidance system. According to his supervisor, Staff Sgt. Matthew Hall, he is an "outstanding asset to the team. His enthusiasm and motivation make him easy to supervise and a positive role model for other Airmen."*

*The following are Airman Rule's responses to a variety of questions:*

**Best aspects of the job:** Hands on experiences with avionics technology.

**What are your career goals?** To commission before I turn 25 and retire from the Air Force.

**Hobbies, outside activities:** I enjoy customizing vehicles, physical fitness and education.

**If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people?** I would tell them that this is an opportunity to make something of yourself and serve your country in the process. There are experiences to be had here that you cannot have elsewhere.

**What are your most memorable moments in the Air Force?** Basic Training. How could anyone forget those six-and-a-half weeks?

**Who inspires you and why?** Cesar Vinueza, our



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

installation fitness program manager. He always does an excellent job instructing everyone who attends his Fitness Boot Camp classes.

**What is your favorite place to go in Tucson and why?** The mountains, because there are few other places in Tucson I like to visit to clear my mind.

## JROTC instructor opportunities

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has instructor opportunities for retired officers and NCOs in the local area at Basha High School in Chandler, Ariz. and others at schools across the nation.

Teaching JROTC is an excellent opportunity to share experiences with future leaders.

Officers must be captains or higher and NCOs must be staff sergeants and above.

Air Force JROTC has 794 units and has been authorized to expand to 945 in the next several years. Many new units will be opening for the 2006-2007 school year.

All applicants must be retired from active duty less than five years from the effective date of employment. If still on active duty, applicants must have applied for retirement to be effective within six months.

Instructors must meet Air Force weight and body-fat standards and have high standards of military bearing, appearance and moral character. Instructors wear the Air Force uniform and are expected to maintain appearance standards.

For more information, call 1-866-235-7682 ext. 35275 or 35300.

For a list of schools and locations, visit <http://www.afots.af.mil/AFJROTC/Instructors.asp>.







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## Services News Briefs

### ACC Dollar Day's Dinner Tonight

All club members and their family members are invited to The Mirage tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for another ACC Dollar Days Family Dinner. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner for just a buck. During ACC Dollar Days events, members are treated to \$1 lunches and family nights quarterly. ACC Dollar Days are "all ranks" events. For more information call 228-3301.

### German Ala Carte Dinner

The Mirage Officers' Club will host an all ranks German Ala Carte Dinner on Oct. 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a full German menu with three courses and a complimentary glass of wine for \$14.95 for adults (members receive a \$2 discount), \$6.95 for children ages 6-12, free for ages 5 and under. Reservations highly encouraged. For more information call 228-3301.

### Texas Hold'em Barbeque

The Desert Oasis Club will host a Texas Hold'em BBQ and tournament starting at 5 p.m. on Thur., Oct. 27. Cost is \$20 for non-members and \$10 for members and includes a BBQ buffet. Membership applications will be available for anyone who would like to sign up for club membership. New members receive a temporary club card at time of sign up and are instantly eligible for all club discounts, promotions, and benefits including Services Bucks and \$10 off the non-member fee. For more information call 228-3100.

### Aquathon and Costume Contest

The Indoor Fitness Pool will host the All Hallows' Aquathon and Costume Contest on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will consist of a 1500-meter swim and 6-mile run and an 800-meter swim and 3-mile run. After each swim, runners can switch into their costumes for a "spooky" fun run around the course. There will be door prizes and refreshments available and everyone who registers will receive a tee-shirt, participation certificate, and a grab bag treat bag. Awards will go to the top male and female finishers, 1st through 3rd place for each event and prizes will be awarded for best costume. A \$10 registration fee is due by Oct. 28. For more information, stop by the Indoor Fitness Pool or call 228-0015.

## 2005 Car and Motorcycle show "revs up" at Bama Park

The D-M Auto Skills Center will host the 2005 Car and Motorcycle Show at Bama Park on Sat., Oct. 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's event will include 21 classes of vehicles including cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Trophies will be awarded for best in each class and for best of show in three categories. Registration forms are available at Auto Skills in Bldg. 4531 or you can download your form online at [www.dmservicesonline.com](http://www.dmservicesonline.com). Completed and signed entry forms must be brought in or mailed to the D-M Auto Skills Center by Mon., Oct. 24 (see form for additional details). For more information visit the above website, stop by Auto Skills, or call them at 228-3614 or 228-4930.



## Mirage adds international flavor to lunch buffet - reopens on Mondays



The Mirage Officers' club offers an "all ranks" lunch buffet every Mon. through Fri., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Starting Nov. 1, the club will offer an International Buffet every Wednesday. International Buffet schedule: Mediterranean on Nov. 2, ACC Dollar Days on Nov. 9, German on Nov. 16, Italian on Nov. 23, Oriental on Nov. 30.

The Mirage is now open on Mondays and features their famous Chef's Choice Buffet. Enjoy a limited buffet of sliced ham, turkey, and beef along with sides, soup, salad, and potato bar, plus dessert for just \$6.75 (Mon. only). On Tuesdays try the club's delicious BBQ Buffet and on Thursdays the Fabulous Pasta Station, meats and more. On Friday, patrons can enjoy the club's famous Catfish Buffet and Meatloaf.

All buffets include main entrees, a variety of side dishes, soup and salad bar, fruit, desert, and beverages. Members receive a \$2 discount plus you can use a Services Buck, making your entire lunch total only \$4.85, Tue. through Fri. (Mon. \$3.75).

If a full buffet is too much, the club also offers a scrumptious soup and salad bar for only \$6.75, members receive a \$2 discount and you're welcome to use a Services Buck which makes your soup & salad just \$3.75. Get your Members First "Lunch Bunch" card punched each time and your sixth lunch is free. For more information please call 228-3301.



Courtesy Photo

Children at the D-M CDC walk through the Pumpkin Patch during the 2003 festival.

## D-M CDC Fall Festival and Family Fun Day

The D-M Child Development Center is hosting a Fall Festival for all of their families on Thurs., Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. There will be games, crafts, carnival activities, a cake walk, and a pumpkin patch for the children to go through and select a pumpkin. The event will serve as an opportunity for D-M CDC families to interact with children and intermingle with other families in a fun and inviting environment. In order to gain admittance, each person must bring in one non-perishable food item for our food drive. For more information call 228-4933.



## Football Frenzy at the Desert Oasis

Every Monday Night club members at the Desert Oasis are taking home hundreds in prizes and Football Frenzy giveaways including authentic NFL

gifts, sponsor gifts, and **Arizona Cardinals** home game tickets. New this year; win Frenzy Five coupons that can be spent like cash at the club!

Catch the **Miller Lite Girls** on Monday, Nov. 7 & 21 and Dec. 5 & 19. The Miller Lite Girls offer prize giveaways and fun promotional games during the evening.

In addition to being treated to a great game on nine screens, customers can enjoy drink specials like our "beer in a bucket" with five Miller Lite bottle beers for just \$10. There's also Miller Lite \$4 pitchers and \$1 drafts (12oz), or you can bring your own mug and get a beer for just \$2 or soda for \$1 (up to 32oz). Food specials include \$1 beer dogs, \$1.50 hamburgers, a half-dozen hot wings for \$2, or a dozen for \$4. Try Cabanas' pizza special; a one-topping 10" pizza for only \$5 (football patrons only, dine in only, nor carry out).



Come to Football Frenzy at the club and you could win one of these grand prizes!

- 🍌 **Miami Vs. San Diego, Dec. 11, San Diego, CA (last chance to enter, Oct. 31)**
- 🍌 **Super Bowl, Feb. 5, Detroit, MI (last chance to enter, Nov. 28)**
- 🍌 **Pro Bowl, Feb. 12, Honolulu, Hawaii (last chance to enter, Dec. 12)**

Each winner is allowed to bring one guest to the game. Trips include entry into the game, airline tickets, rental car, and hotel accommodations! Chances of winning Football Frenzy prizes increase with every game attended.

D-M Football Frenzy at the Desert Oasis is open to "all ranks". To get in on this year's Football Frenzy fun and prizes, stop by the Desert Oasis or Mirage and ask about club membership. It pays to be a member! Doors open at 4 p.m. For more information call 228-3100.

**"Arrive alive - don't drink and drive"**

## Stormy's Cafe

### Try Stormy's Cafe for sandwiches and a whole lot more!

Whether you're looking for a sandwich, a great cup of gourmet coffee, or just somewhere to relax, Stormy's is the place to be. Stormy's Cafe in the Desert Lightning Community Center has a comfortable family and game room atmosphere. Stormy's extensive menu selections include fresh sandwiches and subs made daily, hot dogs and polish dogs, chili, salads, chicken, tuna, turkey, ham or roast beef wraps, Freschetta gourmet pizza, and a baked potato bar. Stormy's also offers waffles, pancakes, bagels, pastries, gourmet coffees, iced coffees, iced tea, freezes, lattes, cappuccinos, espresso, juices, ice cream and much more. While you're there, don't forget to pick up your sandwich, sub, coffee, and specialty drink punch cards. Purchase the amount of items listed on any one of the punch cards and receive one free. Stormy's is open Mon-Fri from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stormy's Cafe is located inside the Desert Lightning Community Center on Fifth St. For more information call 228-3500.





# Services Information

## Outdoor Recreation and Information, Tickets, and Tours

ODR and ITT offer the following trips and tours for October through December:

- Seven Falls, Nov. 5, \$10, sign up by Nov. 2.
- Las Vegas Trip, Nov. 11-13, \$140, sign up by Nov. 1.
- Beginner Rock Climbing Course, Nov. 12, \$115, sign up by Oct. 28.
- Dolly Steamboat Dinner Cruise, Nov. 19, adult \$75, child \$55, sign up by Nov. 19.
- Scottsdale Fashion Sq Christmas Shopping, Dec. 3, \$15, sign up by Nov. 26.
- Bridal Wreath Hike, Dec. 10, cost \$10, sign up by Dec. 1.

All prices listed are per person. Trips depart from the ODR/ITT parking lot, bldg. 4430. For more information or to sign up, stop by or call ODR at 228-3736 or ITT at 228-3700.

## 2005 Global Volksmarch

The 2005 Global Volksmarch starts at Bama Park on Oct. 29 at 7 a.m. The 10k walk will take participants through various parts of base housing and along AMARC’s boundaries. Participants can pre-register at Outdoor Recreation or register the day of the event. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and ends at noon in order to ensure all participants are

off the course no later than 3 p.m. Participants should bring water and snacks and dress for the weather. This event will take place regardless of weather conditions. In the event of rain, the start and end point will be at Outdoor Recreation. Cost for the American Volkssport Association (AVA) stamp is \$2.50. Participants just wanting to walk can register with Outdoor Recreation free of charge. Advance registration is highly recommended. For more information call Outdoor Recreation at 228-3736.

## Link Up 2 Golf

The Blanchard Golf Course offers Link Up 2 Golf, a player development initiative designed to teach the fundamentals of golf, including swing mechanics, etiquette, terminology, proper behavior, and speed of play. For only \$99, participants receive eight hours of small group instruction and a variety of on-course playing experiences. A free orientation preceding the clinic allows participants to learn more about the program, get a tour of the golf course and facility and meet other participants. For those who do not have golf clubs, rental clubs and range balls will be provided free of charge during the clinics. For more information or to sign up, call 228-3734.

## Fall Crafts Bazaar

The Arts & Crafts Center will host the 2nd Annual Fall Bazaar at the Desert Oasis Club on Nov. 19. If you’re interested in selling your homemade crafts or being a vendor at this event, please stop by Arts and Crafts Center in Bldg. 4531, or call 228-4385.

## ITT located inside Outdoor Recreation

The D-M Information, Tickets, and Tours Office is located inside Outdoor Recreation in Bldg. 4430 at Craycroft & Nuggat St (across from the golf course). D-M customers can sign up for locally advertised trips and tours and purchase or pick up tickets for special events. ITT’s hours of operation are Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Wed., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ITT is closed on Sat. and Sun. through the winter. For more information stop by or call ITT at 228-3700.

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# Civic leader group offers free food, fun to thank D-M Airmen, families for service



**(LEFT)** Food, fun and prizes were everywhere Saturday at the DM 50 Picnic. The DM 50 hosted Airmen and their families during the annual event. All food and beverages, entertainment and door prizes were donated to support the Airmen at Davis-Monthan.



**(LEFT)** Dennis Ziemer, son of Master Sgt. Brian Ziemer of the 355th Mission Support Squadron, tries to hang on during the bull ride at the DM 50 Picnic. Other activities for children during the picnic included jumping castles, a climbing wall and basketball.

**(RIGHT)** Alanah Wilke, daughter of Jennifer and Ret. Master Sgt. Eric Wilke, gets her face painted during the DM 50 Picnic as part of the many activities offered to children for fun. The clowns at the event were from the Tucson Shriner's Club. The Shriners perform at functions to raise money to pay for medical expenses for children.



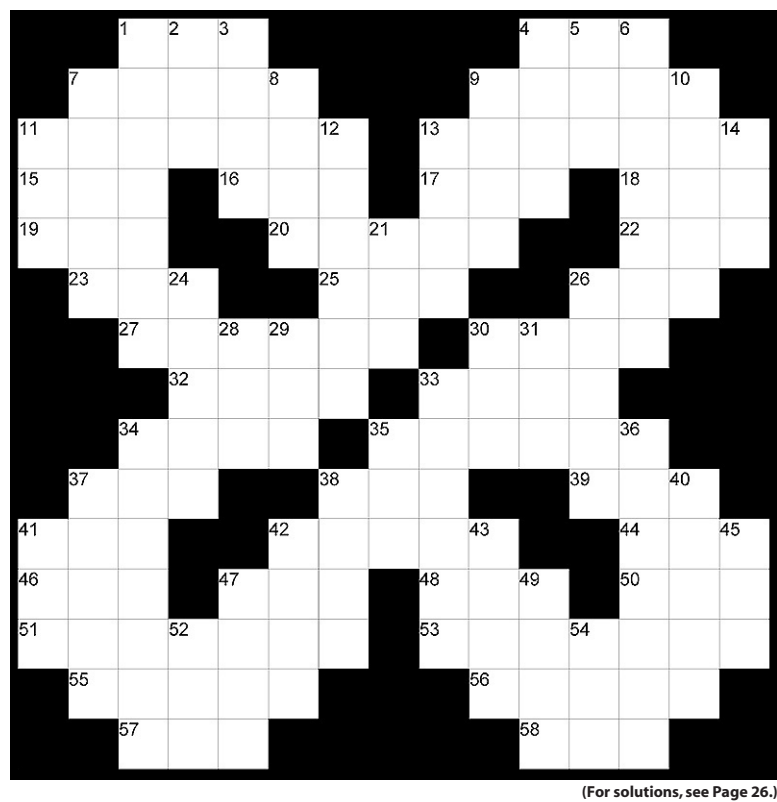
# Honoring enlisted Air Force Cross recipients

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
*Alaskan Command Public Affairs*

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7. 1992 Literature Nobel Prize winner Walcott
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11. Conundrum
13. Elastic
15. Pol. party
16. \_\_ \_ second; soon
17. Prone to doing
18. Radiant
19. Lyrical poem
20. Writing errors
22. Ain't \_\_ \_ shame
23. Cell material
25. Bro's sib
26. Burn residue
27. Small harpsichord
30. Plate
32. Appeal to higher power
33. Askew
34. AF Cross recipient Staff Sgt. Eugene L. \_\_\_\_
35. AF Cross recipient Sgt. Theodore R. \_\_\_\_

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38. Actor Mineo
39. Primary color
41. Cry of discovery
42. Executes
44. Lout
46. Bad review
47. Smack
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51. To go beyond; exceed
53. Ship part
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56. American politician Goldwater
57. Nonsense
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6. Eradicate
7. 1995 Stallone flick Judge Nacey \_\_\_\_, Jr.

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11. Expert
12. AF Cross recipient Sgt. Larry W. \_\_\_\_
13. SE Asia country
14. Greek letter
21. Hole
24. Utilize
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28. A Gershwin
29. Negative vote
30. Faint
31. Sick
33. AF Cross recipient A1C Joel E. \_\_\_\_
34. Person humming
35. Shallow \_\_\_\_
36. Invigorating drinks
37. AF Cross recipient Staff Sgt. Charles L. \_\_\_\_
38. To be situated or located
40. Grocery section
41. Overseas mil. address
42. AF Cross recipient A1C Charles D. \_\_\_\_
43. Billet



(For solutions, see Page 26.)

45. Opponent to 15 ACROSS
47. AF Cross recipient Sgt. Russell M. \_\_\_\_
49. Brawl
52. \_\_ Grande
54. Rapping "Dr."











Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Col. Anthony Panek, Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center commander, breaks off a piece of a ball good for a double as Chief Master Sergeant Chuck Talley, 355th Wing command chief and catcher, waits to see how it will play out. Colonel Panek and Chief Tally both participated in the Eagles versus Chiefs ball game at the DM 50 Picnic Saturday.

# Airmen get competitive at DM 50 picnic

## Chiefs beat Eagles 10-5, First Sergeants beat Squadron Commanders 21-3

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The DM 50 Picnic included a day of sports with softball games between the Eagles and Chiefs and the Squadron Commanders and First Sergeants, a martial arts demonstration and dodgeball and volleyball tournaments.

The picnic's athletic events kicked off at 8:30 a.m. with the annual softball game between Davis-Monthan's colonels and chief master sergeants.

Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group commander, led the Eagles' defense with several catches, including a diving play in the 1st inning and a jumping catch at second base.

In the second inning, the Chiefs hit a fly ball to deep center, which was caught for an out by Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, to close out the inning.

The Eagles were held scoreless by the Chiefs until the 5th inning despite their defensive efforts.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

Avery Cruz-Ramos, J.KIM Martial Arts Tucson, performs a jump triple kick to three balloons held by three of his colleagues. The martial arts demonstration was a part of DM 50 Picnic held at Davis-Monthan's Bama Park Saturday.

In the 7th inning, Colonel Spencer drove in two runs to help the Eagles.

Despite the best efforts of the Eagles, the Chiefs went on to win the game, 10-5.

After the Chief's victory against the Eagles, the First Sergeants squared off against the Squadron Commanders in friendly softball action.

A ball smacked to the outfield

fence hit by the Squadron Commanders in their first at-bat served as the first big play of the game. It was good for a three bagger.

The 4th inning proved the Squadron Commanders' moment to shine.

They were scoreless until Lt. Col. Cassie Barlow, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander, scored in the top of the 4th inning to bring the score to 13-1.

Using that as momentum, they drove in two more runs. In the bottom of the inning they were able to hold the First Sergeants scoreless.

After six innings, the First Sergeants showed they had what it takes to bring home the softball crown for one more year by defeating the Squadron Commanders 21-3.

Softball wasn't the only sport happening Saturday.

The picnic also featured a Tang Soo Do martial arts demonstration. Several members of a local school were present to show off their abilities at breaking boards, balloons and blocks of concrete with their heads, hands and feet.

While the picnic had much to offer spectators, there were also opportunities for Airmen to participate in volleyball and dodgeball tournaments.

The winners of both tournaments were awarded tickets to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix Jan. 2.

Whether watching the base leadership play softball, witnessing a child break a board with his forehead or playing dodgeball to win tickets to the Fiesta Bowl, Davis-Monthan's Airmen will have to wait another year for the next opportunity to flash their competitive spirits at the DM 50 Picnic.

# Sports Shorts

## All Hallows’ Aquathon

The indoor fitness pool will host the All Hallows’ Aquathon and Costume Contest Oct. 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. The event will consist of a 1,500-meter swim and 6-mile run and an 800-meter swim and 3-mile run. After each swim, runners can switch into their costumes for a spooky fun run around the course. There will be door prizes and refreshments available and everyone who registers will receive a t-shirt, participation certificate, and a grab bag treat bag. Awards will go to the top male and female finishers, first through third place for each event and prizes will be awarded for best costume. A \$10 registration fee is due by Oct 28. For more information, stop by the indoor fitness pool or call 228-0015.

## Golf tournament

The 355th Medical Group Booster Club is hosting a base-wide four-person golf tournament scramble Nov. 4 to raise funds for the Underage Drinking Task Force.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m. at the Blanchard Golf Course. To register a team, contact Staff Sgt. Brian Spiekermann at 228-2736.

## Youth Center 2006 Season Basketball information

Registration dates:

- ◆ Tues., 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 1, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 14, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Skill evaluation dates:

- ◆ Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m. for youth ages 5 and 6 years;
- ◆ Nov. 15, 7 p.m. for youth ages 7 and 8 years;
- ◆ Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. for youth ages 9 and 10 years;
- ◆ Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. for youth ages 11 and 12 years;
- ◆ Nov 18, 7 p.m. for youth ages 13 and 15 years;

Coach training dates

- ◆ Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m.

All registrations and training will take place at the D-M Youth Center. Practice begins the week of Dec. 11 and games begin Jan. 21. Registration cost is \$40 for Youth

Center members and \$45 for non-members. Volunteers are needed for coaches, officials and team parents. For more information, call 228-8844.

# Intramurals

## Flag football

The following are the scores from the intramural flag football games during the week of Oct. 10. For more information and the intramural flag football schedule, call the D-M Fitness and Sports Center at 228-0022.

### Oct. 11

Team	Score
355th AMXS vs. 25th OWS	26-13
55th HMU vs. 79th AMU	0-7
355th EMS vs. 755th AMXS	0-25
DECA vs. 355th MDOS	0-6

### Oct. 12

355th EMS 1 vs. 355th CMS	6-13
43rd ECS vs. 355th OSS	26-0
12th AF vs. 355th COMM	12-0

### Oct. 13

355th MOS vs. 355th LRS	13-27
355th SVS vs. ARMY	13-18
355th AMXS vs. 55 HMU	29-0
25th OWS vs. 355th EMS 2	26-6

## Intramural Bowling

The following are the rankings as of Wendesday. For more information on the intramural bowling program, call the Bowling Center at 228-3461.

Team	W	L
LRS	40	16
SVS #2	40	16
CMS	40	16
AMARC #1	38	18
CES	38	18
MDG	36	20
AMXS #2	30	26
755 OSS	30	26
SVS #1	28	28
25 OWS #1	28	28
COMM	28	28
12AF/ACOMS	28	28
563MXS	26	30
CPTS	24	32
AMARC #2	22	34
AMXS #1	22	34
25 OWS #2	12	44

### High games

Team: AMARC #1	1020
Men: Brian Null	249
Women: Diane Garber	195

### High series

Team: AMARC #1	2922
Men: Jason Beecroft and Jon Webster	647
Women: Diane Gerber	544





## Chapel Information

*Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.*

### Worship schedule

#### Catholic

- ◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove.
- ◆ Sunday Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove.

#### Protestant

- ◆ Traditional service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
- ◆ Desert Lightning Fellowship (contemporary) is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
- ◆ Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
- ◆ Sunday School classes are held for all ages from 9:45 to 1:45 a.m. in both the Hope and Desert Dove chapels.
- ◆ Children's Church is held weekly starting at 11:30 a.m. for both the Gospel and Desert Lightning services.
- ◆ Catholic Religious Education classes are held Sunday mornings from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. in the Desert Dove and Hope Chapels. Registration is on-going and classes are held every Sunday that is not a holiday weekend.

## Education Services

*For more information on programs and services provided by the Base Training and Education Services, call Norma White at 228-4249, or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.*

### Spouses to Teachers Program

The Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support is proud to announce the continuance/expansion of the Spouses to Teachers Program.

Spouses to Teachers is a Department of Defense pilot project designed to assist spouses of active duty and reserve military members to become public school teachers.

Participating states now include: Calif., Colo., Fla., Ga., Texas, Va., Kan., Neb., Nev., N.M., Utah, La., N.C. and S.C.

A reimbursable stipend up to \$600 is available to these spouses for teacher certification examinations only.

More information on the Spouses to Teachers program can be found at [www.spouses toteachers.com](http://www.spouses toteachers.com) or by contacting Tylee Roller, Contractor Spouses to Teacher administrator/counselor at 1-800-231-6242.

### Pitensbarger Award

All Community College of the Air Force graduates of the October 2005 graduating class are eligible for the Pitensbarger Award.

This is a one-time award of \$500. Six graduates will be selected to receive the Pitensbarger Award. Graduation attendance is not required to receive this award.

Applications are available in the Base Training and Education Services office in Building 3200. Deadline is Nov. 1. Contact the BTES for more information.

### CCAF Advisor

The Base Training and Education Services office has a Community College of the Air Force Advisor available for appointments from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Thursday from 8 to 10 a.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. Contact Leslie Duran-Woody at 228-3472 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

### CCAF Oct. 2005 Graduates

The Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony will be held Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. in The Mirage Officers' Club. Graduates must be in place by 12:30 p.m. and in service dress.

An e-mail was sent to all graduates requesting specific information for planning purposes, handouts, programs, etc. Please respond to this e-mail by Nov.1. Contact the education center for more information.

## Family Support Center

*For more information on programs and services provided by the Family Suport Center, call 288-5690.*

### Sponsorship training

A great first impression is the first step in developing and nurturing Airmen at Davis-Monthan. A sponsor has the first opportunity to do so.

To accomplish this and be a great sponsor, attend the Family Support Center Sponsorship Class on Wednesday from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Family Support Center, Building 3210.

This class is required for sponsors covers effective sponsorship and offers useful resources and information. Please call the FSC to sign up.

### Veteran's Affairs Claims assistance brief

Veteran's Affairs representatives provide group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits. This briefing will take place on Monday at 1 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243.

### Pre-separation counseling

This class will take place at the Family Support Center Oct 25 from 9 to 10 a.m.

This is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce.

The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating/retiring or in special circumstances, as soon as possible. Call the FSC to sign up for future classes.

### Time for Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held on Wednesday at the Desert Dove Chapel from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Come and meet other parents while children enjoy fun and activities.

For more information on the Time for Tots program and upcoming dates, call the Family Support Center.

## Happenings

### Borman Elementary Carnival

The 2nd Annual Borman Elementary Carnival will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palo Verde Housing. Admission to the event is free for all with a small charge for rides, games, food and a One Stop Shop and Book Fair. For more information, call 584-4600.

### NCO Association meeting

The Spanish Trail Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers' Association will be holding a general membership meeting Nov. 2 at 6:15 p.m. at the Wilmot Public Library. The meeting is open to all current and past members and anyone interested in learning more about the association. For more information, contact Herb Rogers at 571-1012.

### Retiree appreciation/orientation day

The Retiree appreciation/orientation day will be held at the Mirage Officers' Club Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All retirees and soon-to-be retirees from all services, as well as military widows, are invited to attend. Guest speakers will discuss topics such as Tricare, medical and dental, legal assistance and estate planning, Veterans Affairs, commissary and exchange services and more. For more information and reservations, call 228-5100.

### Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

The annual Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner will be held Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Mirage Officers' Club. For more information, contact Carrie Streeter at 750-0385 or Chief Master Sgt. Robert Franklin at 228-4426.

### Thrift Store

The D-M Thrift Shop is located on Ironwood Street and is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The store will close for consignments after 1 p.m. The shop is also open the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., closing at 12:30 p.m. for consignments. Call 228-2120 to reserve space for large items and furniture.

## Movies

Today

The Transporter 2 (PG-13)

7 p.m.

Saturday

The Man (PG-13)

7 p.m.

Sunday

The Transporter (PG-13)

(All admission \$1.50)

Regular admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 11 and younger.

Call 228-5694 for the theater movie recording.

## Auto Hobby Shop

*For more information on programs and services at the Auto Hobby Shop, call 228-3614.*

### Car And Motorcycle Show

The D-M Auto Hobby Shop will host the 2nd annual Car and Motorcycle Show Oct. 29, at Bama Park. This year's event will be bigger than 2004's show with 21 classes of vehicles including cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Trophies will be given for best in each class and best of show in three categories. Registration forms are available at the Auto Hobby Shop or can be downloaded at [www.dm-servicesonline.com](http://www.dm-servicesonline.com). For more information, stop by the Auto Hobby Shop in Building 4531.

## Clubs

*For more information on programs and services at The Mirage Officers' Club, call 228-3301 or at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club, call 228-3100.*

### ACC Dollar Days Dinner today

All club members and family members are invited to The Mirage Officers' Club today from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for their Air Combat Command Dollar Days Family Dinner. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner for one dollar. ACC Dollar Days are all-ranks events.

### Texas Hold'em Barbeque

The Desert Oasis Club will host a Texas Hold'em tournament starting at 5 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$20 for non-club members and \$10 for club members and includes a barbeque buffet.

Membership applications will be available for anyone who would like to sign up for club membership. New members receive a temporary club card at time of sign up and are instantly eligible for all club discounts, promotions, and benefits including Services Bucks and \$10 off the non-member fee.

### German Ala Carte Dinner

The Mirage Officers' Club will host an all-ranks German Ala Carte Dinner Oct. 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a full German menu with three courses and a complimentary glass of wine for just \$14.95 for adults (members receive a \$2 discount), \$6.95 for children ages 6 to 12 years and free for children ages 5 years and under. Reservations are highly encouraged.

## Child Development Center

*For more information on programs and services provided by the Child Development Center, call 228-4933.*

### CDC Fall Festival and Family Fun Day

The D-M Child Development Center is hosting a Fall Festival for all CDC families Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. There will be games, crafts, carnival activities, a cake walk, and a pumpkin patch for the children to go through and select a pumpkin.



Photo by Chris Sweeney

## It's never too early ...

*Danda Anthis, 355th Services Squadron, sets a table in preparation for a catered event at The Mirage Officers' Club. Groups at Davis-Monthan are encouraged to book a room and catering at the O'Club early for their holiday party. To make reservations and arrangements at The Mirage Officers' Club for a holiday function, call Ms. Anthis at 228-3301.*

The event will serve as an opportunity for CDC families to interact with children and intermingle with other families in a fun and inviting environment. In order to gain admittance each person must bring in one non-perishable food item for the food drive.

## Outdoor Recreation

*For more information on programs and services through D-M Outdoor Recreation Center, call 228-3736.*

### Beginner Rock Climbing Course

This course, at the Arizona Climbing and Adventure School, Nov. 12 is for people who have never climbed before or have limited experience. Learn the basics of climbing: balance, weight-distribution, energy-conservation, choreographing and individual moves. Participants will also learn detailed explanations on equipment and its proper use and care, knots, safety protocols, hands-on belaying, communication signals and terminology. The day will end on top-rope protected climbs of up to 150 feet on high angled rock faces.

All climbing equipment and bottled water is included. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. The van departs from Outdoor Recreation at 7 a.m. and will return to base at 9:00 p.m. Register at outdoor recreation center by Tuesday. The cost is \$115.

### Seven Falls hike

Seven Falls is one of the more alluring wonders of the Santa Catalina Mountains. This hike, Nov. 5, is 8.2 miles from parking area to Seven Falls and back again. The hike will take approximately five hours. Participants should bring a lunch, plenty of water, a camera, dress for the weather and wear good hiking shoes. The van departs

from outdoor recreation center at 8:00 a.m. and will return at 3:00 p.m. Register at the outdoor recreation center by Nov. 2. The cost is \$10.

### Dolly Steamboat Dinner Cruise

Enjoy a two-and-a-half hour twilight dinner Nov. 19 cruise on Steamboat Dolly while taking in the beautiful landscape of the "Junior Grand Canyon" on Canyon Lake. Listen to the captain recount legends and lore about the Superstition Mountains. Trip includes dinner. Register at the outdoor recreation center by Nov 5. The van departs the base at 2:15 p.m. and returns at 10:15 p.m. Cost is \$75 for adults and \$55 for children. Stop by the outdoor recreation center to sign up.

## Community Center

*For more information on programs and services at the Desert Lightning Community Center, call 228-3500 or 228-3717.*

### Place to play

The Desert Lightning Community Center is "The Place to Play" with dozens of table games, board games, and lots of other fun things to do. There's something for everyone.

Enjoy 14 high-speed internet computers, a PlayStation-2 game room with lots of games and a relaxing large home theater room with state-of-the-art equipment including a 55-inch high-definition television with surround sound and a large selection of DVDs.

The center also has pool tables, air hockey, shuffleboard, pingpong, foosball, steel-tip and electronic darts, chess, backgammon, Chinese checkers, cards, puzzles, many more games and two garden-style patios.

The community center is a free service offered to everyone at D-M. (Youth under the age of 15 years must be accompanied at all times.)













